

ABSTRACT

This invention relates to a lancing apparatus (A1) used for inserting an insertion element (21) into a human skin (Sk) for sampling a body fluid. The lancing apparatus (A1) includes 5 a housing (1) with a cylindrical portion (12) brought into contact with the skin (Sk), a negative pressure generator (6) that generates a negative pressure inside the cylindrical portion (12) to cause the skin (Sk) to swell upward, and a detector (5) that detects that the skin (Sk) has been raised 10 to a predetermined height inside the cylindrical portion (12).